



NEWSLETTER OF THE HANDMAIDS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ That we may walk in His paths. ✠

"Our Lady, Queen of the highways, be with us on our journey, for all your ways are beautiful and all your paths are peace." With this prayer, which we always pray when we travel, our first group set out on July 16th from Benton for the "hill country" of New Market, TN. It was another significant step in the history of our Community. We came in great joy, happy to bring a new Presence of our Lord, and Mary's too, to this lovely area of East Tennessee.

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." (Is 2:3)

Our mission is to follow Christ and to offer our lives with Him for His priests. The paths that Jesus takes us on are always ones of mercy and peace, even when we find them arduous and we do not know what lies ahead. When times are hard it helps to remember what Father Gregory, s.P. (our longtime friend and beloved chaplain in New Mexico) would say: that the crosses in our life are road markers, indicating that we're on the right road!

We thank our Lord for all the ways He marked out our journey that led to our new home. "Everything is a grace" (St. Thérèse) and speaks to us of his mercy, especially the tree-lined paths and all the wood (both inside and out) of the rustic lodge that will be added onto and incorporated into our new Motherhouse and Monastery named for the Heart of Jesus: "Cor Jesu."

It has been a very blessed and busy time of transition as we continue to get settled and look to the future. How grateful we are for the wonderful and very generous assistance we have received every step of the way. In the following photos you will see some of the highlights of the past few months.

As we begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy and celebrate our first Christmas in our new home, we offer many prayers of thanksgiving for your presence in our lives. We also pray in a very special way for all those who are suffering and in pain. Know that we carry you in our hearts and ask Jesus to give you the strength, healing, and grace you are in most need of at this time.

In the tender love and radiant faith of Mary, we wish you a most Blessed Christmas and a holy Jubilee Year! "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" "Come, let us adore Him!"





Father Julius' first visit.
What a joy he is!

**"In those days, Mary went with
haste into the hill country..."**
-Luke 1:39

"We want to see Jesus!"
-Jn 12:21



(above l to r): Alvin
Manabat, Carrie Baker &
Elijah Martin - three
members of the Frassati
Fellowship who are very
special to our
Community.



Bishop Stika and Cardinal Justin Rigali offering Mass in our temporary chapel
during the first Blessing of our new home in New Market, TN.



It's not easy to keep up with
Bishop Stika!



Always ready to give a reason for his hope and to
encourage us in our life, Bishop's radiant faith and
fatherly care for us never fail to lift us up!



Jennifer Goswitz is another dear friend who has given us invaluable guidance and assistance during this exciting and challenging time of transition.



Jimmy Dee and Samantha Bodie, a very talented graphic design specialist, are working on future plans for our Monastery. Stay tuned to see what will come!



A rare and treasured photo of Doug Kiser and John. (We have lots of photos but in nearly all of them, they have their backs to us or are blurs since they are hard at work.) Doug and his crew from Kiser Construction (Kraig, John, and Nathan) have done a superb job with all the renovations. We thank God for them and are very happy to have them as part of our family.



Kraig working on the exterior stairs.



We are blessed to have Gisela to assist us on several projects. One is translating our website into Spanish so Pope Francis can read it in his own language!



James McMillan (l) and Sean Healy (r) brought a great crew to help move our second group of Handmaids from Englewood, TN in September. James and Sean and Sean's son Joseph have also generously volunteered many hours to make our grounds even more beautiful and safe.



(Below): We are very grateful to Larry Baldwin who has volunteered his skills as an electrician. Here he is doing preparations for the electronic gates.



Scott Maentz, our Communications Director, is a wonderful help with our computer questions and internet connections. He also acts as our intermediary for social media outreaches.



A preview of upcoming attractions - initial design work for our new Monastery. Shown with Christopher King of Smee-Busby Architects of Knoxville.



Jimmy & Valerie Dee have blessed us, supported us and cared for us more than words could ever say. They show us the merciful love of Jesus in all that they do.



We thought you would like to see our mail box. It is always a joy to open it up and find a letter from you!



Kitty Kat
her winter portrait

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS:

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Visit our website www.nunsforpriests.org. Follow us on Twitter and view our posts on Facebook.

"My thoughts now turn to the Mother of Mercy. May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God's tenderness. No one has penetrated the profound mystery of the Incarnation like Mary."

-Pope Francis "Misericordiae Vultus" #24



"In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of throwing open the doors of his Heart and repeats that he loves us and wants to share his love with us." - Pope Francis
Contemplate the Face of Christ!